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The Berry-Ball

Dry Goods Co.

EASTER and its Opportunities.

The atmosphere of Easter pervades the whole store. The stock of

New Spring Goods

is most complete. In your Easter outfitting you will do well to take a careful look through the many lines of new season's merchandise. You'll find every item right. You'll find prices very tempting. You'll find courtesy and prompt attention, in a word you'll find this store fortified at all points for the official opening of spring business.

The Millinery Showing.

Our Millinery section is bright with the best products of the milliner's art.

Easter in the Garment Room.

Everything here is on dress parade. The new suits, new coats, new skirts and rain-coats. Not an unworthy offering in the whole collection.

Women's Silk and Wash Waists.

The new season's first showing of these is certainly fine, and the prices very modest.

The Easter Sale of Kid Gloves.

The Kid Glove importations are all in. Qualities right, colors right, size range complete, and prices as usual absolutely fair and just.

The Easter Sale of Men's Wear.

Easter has its dress demands for men as well as women. What man of taste is there but likes to prink up a bit for Easter Sunday. The prinking can be done with great economy here.

Cut Glass and China.

Nothing more acceptable to buy your wife for Easter than a small piece of Cut Glass or China.

Spring Opening

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
and SATURDAY, March 30 to April 2.

The Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co.

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You know, if they know any Wilcox, or ever knew any Wilcox who knows of any Wilcox who knows or knew Frank S. Wilcox, who lived in Jersey City, N. J., in February, 1874. He has a matured endowment due and payable. Present address unknown. 35th year, doing business in 36 States. Nat'l Life Ins. Co. of Vt. (Mutual). ORGANIZED 1850.

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The Prudential Insurance Co.

J. M. CADY, Manager,
Pythian Building.



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FREE TRIAL.
We will ship to any part of the United States, (all freights and drayage charges prepaid) one of our new 1904 upright pianos on a **TWENTY DAY FREE TRIAL.** If you are interested, write to-day for Book A.

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FRATERNITY MEETINGS.

Haswell Royal Arch Chapter, No. 11. Stated Convocation, Friday evening, Apr. 4. LEIGHTON P. SLACK, H. P. DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Passumpsic Lodge, No. 27, P. and A. M. Regular Communication, Thursday evening, March 31. PALMER E. PAINE, W. M. DELOS M. BACON, Secretary.

Palatine Commandery, No. 5, K. T. A Special Conclave will be held at the Asylum on Wednesday evening, March 30th, at 7:30 o'clock. Very Eminent William H. Kingsley, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Vermont, will be present and make an official visitation and inspection of the Commandery. The Order of Knights Templar will be conferred with full ceremonies. WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY, Commander. DELOS M. BACON, Recorder.

Sheridan Council, Knights of Columbus. Regular meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in Citizens Bank building, second floor. D. H. BRADLEY, Grand Knight. CHAS. T. LYNCH, Rec. Sec.

Knights of Pythias. Regular Convention of Apollo Lodge, No. 2, Tuesday evening, April 5. NED C. STILLER, C. C. H. W. ELLIS, K. R. S.

WOMAN'S CLUB. The regular April meeting of the Woman's Club will be held in Pythian Hall, Monday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Executive Board meeting at 2 o'clock.

Local Events. Apr. 2. Sugar Party, O. E. S. 4. Public Schools Open. 4. Woman's Club Meeting. 4. Nine of Clubs' Dance. 7. Cradle Songs of Many Nations. 14. Annual Easter Supper. 14. Joint Debate at Academy. 20. Road Commissioner's Meeting. 20. State Anniversary N. E. O. F. 20. Inspection of C. O. D.

NEW ADS. THIS WEEK.

Jewelry—F. E. Rowell. Opening—L. C. French. New Suit—J. C. Stevens. Notice—L. Hunt & Co. Groceries—Gill's & Co. Help Wanted—F. C. King. Rambler—Joseph St. Joek. Suits—Steele, Taplin & Co. Easter—Berry-Ball Dry Goods Co. Easter Offerings—Randall's Dept Store.

LOCAL GATHERINGS.

—Invitations have been received here for the annual ball of the North Star Commandery, Knights Templar, at Lancaster next Monday evening. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Brock's orchestra.

—The loggers from the Victory woods have finished their season's work and are now coming out. Over 100 were in town last week and made an interesting sight, clad in their "habitant" clothes.

—The Athenaeum will be closed the first four days of next week, for cleaning, and will be re-opened Friday morning. The collection of Albrecht Durer photographs will remain on exhibition in the gallery during the present week.

—P. E. Hale, who recently ran a blacksmith shop on Eastern avenue, has started a ten cent hack.

—B. Paine has placed a large awning in front of his store on Railroad street and has built stands for the display of his fruit and vegetables.

—Miss Delia I. Griffin, the director of the Fairbanks Museum, has prepared a useful booklet for all interested in the spring migration of birds. The list includes 15 winter residents, five winter visitors and 73 other birds that usually come here this time of the year. The list gives the date of arrival in St. Johnsbury of each bird for the past two years, with blanks for their arrival for the next three. It will be much appreciated and used by bird lovers.

—The St. Johnsbury Orchestra are to furnish music for Easter balls at Littleton, April 4, and at Whitefield, April 5.

—Two of the loggers who came in from the Victory woods Thursday brought the last end of Victory's license goods in their pockets. Their exuberance was suppressed by a visit to the police station where Andrew Anderson and Joseph Moran paid the customary fine of \$11.10 for their acts. These were the first arrests for drunkenness in this town in 1904, the last arrest being made the day after Christmas.

—C. H. Page and Mrs. S. O. Taylor, of Lowell, and Milford, N. H., who were arrested by Sheriff Sulloway, were given a preliminary hearing in Nashua, Wednesday and both were held for the grand jury for the passing of worthless checks, and larceny.

—Through the agency of A. R. Noyes in the Aetna Insurance company Mrs. Charles Lachance was paid \$1,000 a week after the death of Mr. Lachance.

—A company of glass blowers are holding forth this week in the vacant store in the Avenue House block.

—J. O. Drouin has sold his house at 27 Concord Avenue to Louis Desbois.

—A tenant carrying a lamp down stairs in the Weeks block on Prospect Avenue created some excitement Friday evening by dropping it. It took considerable exertion on the part of several, and numerous pails of water to put out the flames that quickly started.

—Rev. A. F. Welch, prelate of Palestine Commandery, Knights Templar, will preach to the Sir Knights at the Church of the Messiah on Easter Sunday at 7 o'clock. All Knights Templar and their families are cordially invited to this service.

—Dr. J. L. Perkins will soon return from New York, and his office will be open April 5.

—A shaft breaking laid off a number of men for the day at the scale shops, yesterday.

—Mrs. Brock's orchestra plays June 17 at Lancaster at the graduating exercises of the Lancaster high school.

—These letters are advertised at the post office for the week ending March 26: Bettors, J. E.; Drew, G. Harvey; Harris, A. K.; Massey, J. R.; Vergue, William; To any relation of Miss Jennie Stoddard.

—The Rector's Aid Society and St. Margaret's Guild of the Episcopal church will give their annual Easter supper in Pythian hall, Thursday evening, April 14.

—Robert F. Stenson, a laborer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$500.50 and assets of \$100, all of which are claimed exempt.

—Dr. C. M. Richmond is now well established in the dental parlors formerly occupied by Dr. R. W. Warner in the Citizens' Bank building.

—S. D. Atwood has sold his bakery and confectionery business to George Stanton of North Danville who takes possession May 1. After that date the store will be in charge of Mrs. Alice Whitten of North Danville. Mr. Atwood will remain in St. Johnsbury and continue in the catering and ice cream business.

—New sugar has begun to come into the market and it looks now as if the season would be an excellent one.

—The Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Vermont will hold its annual session here, June 7.

—Mystic Star Chapter No. 29, O. E. S., will give a sugar party to members and invited friends at Masonic Hall, Saturday evening, April 2. The Masonic Fraternity is invited. New sugar from the Fairbanks orchard will be served and a good social time is anticipated. Price 20 cents.

—An entertainment is to be given by Blaisdell's string orchestra the coming month.

Complimentary Ball.

A complimentary dance to the ladies who recently gave the valentine party was given there by the gentlemen in Pythian Hall Friday evening. The hall was simply but prettily decorated for the occasion, and the attractive dance orders contained this toast:

"She is pretty to walk with, And witty to talk with, And pleasant, too, to think on."

Excellent music was furnished for the occasion by Young's Orchestra and there were about 100 present. Just before midnight little tables were brought into the rooms and an excellent supper was served by Caterer Atwood. The dancing continued until a late hour and all had one of the best times ever known.

Easter at the Churches.

South Congregational. The chorus choir will sing at both services, and Miss Helen Boynton, violinist, will assist at vespers at 5 o'clock. The choir music will include in the morning: Sanctus, Res on one, Hosannah, (soprano solo) Chants. Amen. At vespers: Prelude, violin and organ, "A woe 'thou that sleepest," "The Magdalen," "The Resurrection," "Where Hast Thou Laid Him," Clough, Leighton.

North Congregational. At the North church the music to be rendered will consist of the following:

MORNING SERVICE. Organ Voluntary, Cecile Offertory, Grison Anthem, "As it began to Dawn," Coombs Anthem, "As Sleep Takes Flight," Shelley Offertory, "A Song for Easter," Allen Organ Postlude, Triumphal March, Merkel

EVENING SERVICE. Organ Voluntary, Fantasia, Wegman Anthem, "They Have Taken away My Lord," Shackley Sunday School Easter Service, Harrington Organ Postlude, March of the Philistines

Universalist. At the Church of the Messiah the following music will be included in the service Easter morning.

Organ Voluntary. Easter Carol. "The Day of Resurrection," Shackley Anthem, "O Day of Love Eternal," Bartlett. Hymn, "Wake! Ye Ransomed," Spence. Hymn. Organ Postlude.

Free Baptist.

The following program will be carried out at the morning service at the Free Baptist church:

Voluntary. "Holy, Holy, Lord God." Doxology. Invocation. Responsive reading. Anthem, "Now is Christ risen from the dead!" Scripture. Prayer. Response. Hymn, "Pountain of Life." Notices.

Offertory, "Why weepst thou?" sermon, "The power of an endless life." Hymn, "Forever with the Lord." Benediction.

The evening service in the audience room will be a praise service, as follows:

Scripture. Prayer. Anthem. Sermon. Baptism. **St. Aloysius.** Special music at St. Aloysius will be rendered as follows:

Organ Voluntary, Vid Aquam Easter Carol. Gounod's "Mass of the Angels." Offertory, "Regina Coeli." March Song. Benediction. Grand Choeur, O Salutaris. "Regina Coeli." Tantum Ergo. Laudate Dominum. Miss and Caldbeck and chorus. Grand March. Deshayes

First Baptist. There will be an observance of the Easter anniversary in the First Baptist church next Sunday. In the morning the music and sermon will be appropriate to the day, and in the evening there will be a concert given by the Sunday school.

St. Andrew's. At the Episcopal church there will be two observances of the Lord's Supper on Easter Day, at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m. At the second service this service will be used:

Processional, Christ is Risen. Anthem, Christ being Raised from the Dead. Elvey Communion Service. Gounod and Stainer Recessional, Alleluia, Hearts and Voices. The following musical service will be rendered at the afternoon service at 5 o'clock. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in E, Barby Anthem, Christ being Raised from the Dead. Elvey Air, I Know that my Redeemer Liveth. Handel Anthem, God Thou art Great. Spohr Hallelujah Chorus. Handel

The Seventy Club.

Eight members of the Seventy Club were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Henry E. Byron, Saturday afternoon, in honor of the 84th birthday of her mother, Mrs. Philura Hoyt. Invited guests present were Rev. J. M. Frost, Mrs. Carrie Bartlett and Mrs. Patterson a niece of Mrs. Hoyt's from Littleton. After greetings and the usual devotional exercises, subjects of interest were read and a memorial of one of the members who recently died. Mr. Frost presented each member with a copy of this memorial, which was gladly received. Mrs. Byron served tea with light refreshments and confections. A very pleasant and cheerful afternoon for elderly people was ended with a prayer by Mr. Frost.

Traffic on the Boston & Maine.

The following interesting item about the freight traffic on the B. & M. appeared in a recent issue of the Boston Advertiser:

Like most roads in the northern part of the country, the B. & M. was seriously tied up by the cold and snow. Cars were frozen in freight yards, and the capacity of the locomotives was reduced by cold. Now everything is open again, and the management finds itself with an immense accumulation of freight that must be moved as rapidly as possible. The traffic managers are devoting their utmost energies to this end, and it is hoped that the congestion will be completely relieved very quickly. The outlook for traffic over the system during the coming summer is very promising. A heavy increase in passenger business is anticipated, and ample provision has been made for it.

RECENT DEATHS.

Clark. Mrs. Mary A. wife of William Clark, of Coryville, died of Bright's disease, last Wednesday, at the age of 33 years. She was a daughter of Mrs. Henry W. Cole, and leaves a husband and four young children. The funeral was held at St. Andrew's church, Friday, Rev. Dr. Charles Pickell's officiating.

Bowditch. William C. Bowditch died at the St. Johnsbury Hospital, Saturday, of Bright's disease. He leaves a wife and one daughter. The funeral was held at his home in Fairbanks Village, yesterday afternoon.

To Dismantle the Opera House.

Matthew J. Caldbeck announces that he will begin at once to dismantle the Opera House by cutting the building down and utilizing only the first floor which is now leased to Charles A. Stanley and the New York fruit store. Of course if a syndicate come forward and offer to lease the Opera House Mr. Caldbeck will reconsider his plan, but he says purely as a business proposition he cannot afford to carry the load. The building is listed at \$16,000 and aside from the taxes the insurance is at the rate of 3% per cent and costs \$450 a year. With the fixed annual charges of nearly \$1000 there is no money for him in the show business. If the building is dismantled there will also be a saving of several hundred dollars a year on the insurance of the Avenue House which is now rated high because of its proximity to the Opera House.

The Opera House was built 12 years ago by B. G. Howe at a cost of over \$25,000. Famous stars like Crane, Dixey, Pauline Hall, Denman Thompson and many others have played here, but as an investment it has been a failure.

U. C. T. Ladies' Night.

St. Johnsbury Council, No. 230, United Commercial Travellers of America, held their first ladies' night in Pythian Hall, Saturday evening. About 75 ladies and gentlemen were present and it was a most enjoyable occasion. The committee of arrangements were R. M. Rann, J. E. Cook and W. H. Stevens, while H. A. Stanley, F. W. Kelly and F. C. Gilson were on the introduction committee. Music for the dancing was furnished by Young's Orchestra and refreshments were served by Caterer Atwood.

Stamps and Coins.

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition have issued under the government approval souvenir gold dollars which are on sale at the First National Bank. There are two varieties, one bearing an excellent likeness of Thomas Jefferson and the other of William McKinley. They are issued from the government mint at Philadelphia and sold for \$3. As the issue is limited to 250,000 these gold dollars will prove a most interesting souvenir of a great event.

A new domestic reply postal card of the one cent denomination will be issued when the supply of reply cards of the old design at the various postal distributing stations is exhausted. The new card will bear the portrait of Gen. William T. Sherman on the message side and a portrait of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan on the reply side.

In commemoration of the Louisiana purchase the government will issue next month a series of five stamps. The commemorative stamps will be as follows: One-cent, green, with portrait of Robert R. Livingston, United States minister to France, who conducted the Louisiana purchase negotiations. Two-cent, red, portrait of Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States at the time of the purchase. Three-cent, purple, portrait of James Monroe, special ambassador to France who, with Livingston, closed the negotiations for the purchase. Five-cent, blue, portrait of President McKinley, who approved the official connecting the United States government with the exposition. Ten cent, brown, bearing a United States map, showing the territory of the purchase.

Changes at Salvation Army.

Capt. A. Rose, of the Salvation Army, has received orders to farewell from St. Johnsbury, and will conduct his last services in the Army barracks on Easter Sunday. Farewell address given at 8 p. m. All are invited.

The following figures will give some idea as to how Capt. Rose has been employed during his five months' charge. One hundred and fifty indoor services have been conducted; 96 open air services, 3386 persons having attended the same, 759 homes have been visited; 1429 copies of the War Cry have been sold; 7 recruits and soldiers have been added to the roll. The Captain takes an appointment in Ontario, Canada, and will leave St. Johnsbury Tuesday.

An Evening of Humor.

The monthly social at the North church was held on Thursday evening, an excellent supper where corn beef hash was the "piece de resistance," being served to about 100. The entertainment which followed consisted of an evening with the humorists, an hour's program having been arranged by Arthur F. Stone. The 1904 Barrio, Mandolin and Guitar Club gave two selections and were heartily enjoyed. Mr. Stone was ably assisted in the rendition of the piece by Mrs. J. W. Sault, A. B. Noyes, Miss Alice L. Ricker and Robert Mackinnon.

The National Life Insurance Company.

A HOME INSTITUTION.

This Company, chartered by Vermont, has done business for fifty-four years in the State, contributing always to its reputation abroad and its progress and prosperity at home. It solicits home patronage, basing its claim not upon the mere ground of the large insurance benefits which are distributed to families and citizens of Vermont, or upon its large investments at home and most favorable influence on local credits, but in addition to all this, upon the solid grounds of being able to furnish our own people with the best and most liberal policies of life, endowment, term and annuity insurance, at reasonable rates, which can be found in any market or are issued by any Company. Attention is called to some figures about this Vermont institution.

Investments in Vermont.

The National Life Insurance Company holds investments in every county in Vermont and they amount to	\$1,917,186.48
Municipal Bond investments in the state	\$ 999,860.00
Mortgages and Collateral Loans on Property in the State	\$ 613,697.60
Real Estate owned in the State	\$ 123,750.00
Policy Loans to residents of the State	\$ 179,878.88

These figures tell their own story and demonstrate that no other financial institution in the country contributes to the State as much as this single Company, in proportion to its receipts from the State.

Death Claims Paid in Vermont.

The National Life Insurance Company has paid death claims in Vermont during the past ten years amounting to	\$ 490,817.18
Claims paid immediately on receipt of satisfactory proofs of death.	

The Issue of New Business

In the State during the past five years has equalled the sum of

\$4,401,743.00

or about one-sixth of the total business written by all the life companies doing business in the State during that period.

The preceding figures deserve attention from the people of Vermont and will explain why it is that the National Life commands the home patronage which it deserves.

PROGRESS AND GROWTH.

This old, solid, progressive Company offers the best forms of insurance and supplies sample policies on request. In the last ten years it has increased its assets from \$9,886,852 to \$28,363,798, its surplus from \$1,134,092 to \$2,928,310, and its outstanding insurance from \$61,632,613 to \$125,662,778.

You need not look abroad for opportunity to invest in sound and well arranged insurance of every description, when it is supplied at home by a home company, with faith in home investments, and known at home for more than a half century. Inquiries by correspondence or in person will receive prompt attention.

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